

# New Park Equipment Installation Done

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New playground equipment has been installed in the Herz-Rose Park, Locust and 16th streets, by the Park and Recreation Department.

Installation of the \$5,000 worth of equipment was completed Friday, according to Mike Reyher, director of recreation for Terre Haute. Work was started on the park about two weeks ago.

The installation of the new equipment in the Herz-Rose Park was part of an overall plan to renovate all neighborhood parks in the city. Reyher said. Playground equipment installation was to begin Monday at Thompson Park, Oak and 17th streets.

For the Herz-Rose and Thompson parks, \$10,000 was spent on the equipment alone. The amount did not include installation. Other new features to be added to the parks, such as tether ball, volleyball courts and horseshoe pitching areas, will be extra expenses, Reyher said.

In Herz-Rose and Thompson parks, 14 pieces of equipment will be added. Included in the equipment are rocking toys, swings, see saws, spiral slides, merry-go-rounds, climbing nets and glider swings.

Installation of the equipment at Thompson Park is expected to be completed this fall. Vorhees Park, Prairieon Road and Vorhees St., and Sheridan Park, 28th and Beach streets, are to receive new equipment next spring. Reyher explained that with the increasing costs, similar equipment for the parks next spring will probably cost around \$5,500.

The parks will all be restructured, according to Reyher. This involves a complete change in the parks with all the old equipment removed or relocated and new equipment added.

The remodeled parks will be a place for children and older people, Reyher said. Segregated from the playground equipment will be quiet areas with such features as glider-type swings and horseshoe pitching areas.

Completed now at Herz-Rose and Thompson parks are basketball courts. These courts will be flooded in the winter to double as ice skating rinks. Vorhees and Sheridan parks are to have this double duty feature added later.

New tennis courts have been poured at Collett Park but will not be finished until next spring.

The new playground equipment now being added to the city parks is the first new equipment in over 30 or 40 years, according to Patrick Dougherty, superintendent of the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department. He said the last records the city has of new equipment was during the depression years. Dougherty said Deming Park has had some new playground equipment added by the Jaycees but not the city.

"The restructuring of the parks will be a great help in the planning and programming of recreational activities for the city," said Reyher, who is in charge of such activities. The recreation department was added to the City Park Department during the past summer.



USING THE LAST DAYS OF FALL—City park employees are busily using the last days of fall to install new playground equipment in the city neighborhood parks. Installation of equipment at Herz-Rose Park, Locust and 16th streets, was completed Friday and the installation was to begin Monday at Thompson Park, Oak and 17th streets.

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BUT NOT FOR LONG—It didn't take long for neighborhood children to break in the new equipment at the Herz-Rose Park. Mayor William J. Brighton and two neighborhood women look on as one happy youngster tries out the new slide. The park received new equipment as part of a renovation plan for all neighborhood parks in the city. Work began on the Thompson Park, Oak and 17th St., earlier this week. House of Photography Photos.

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Herz-Rose Park

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EMPTY NOW—A rare sight at the Herz-Rose Park, Locust and 16th Sts., is the new spiral slide completely deserted. It was installed by the city Park and Recreation Department recently as part of \$5,000 worth of new equipment at the park. Workmen reported they could hardly get the equipment installed before the children in the neighborhood were there to try it out. Work was completed at the park Friday.



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# Park Perspective

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The Park featured this week is Herz-Rose Park, which is located at Fifteenth and Locust Streets on Terre Haute's near northside. Herz-Rose has a total of 5.18 acres, which is sparsely covered by mature trees.

Herz-Rose was originally named Rose Park in honor of Chauncey Rose, who was one of Terre Haute's most famous citizens. He established the Rose Orphans Home, Rose Dispensary and Rose Polytechnic (now the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology). Rose Park was originally located at 7th and Chestnut streets where University School now stands. The park property was sold to the City on April 9, 1909 by Anna Pflaging for the sum of seventeen thousand dollars. The Park was originally named Hemingway Park or Hobo Park.

In a special Park Board meeting held on March 28, 1932 the Park Board approved the sale of Rose Park to Indiana State Teachers College for the sum of seventy thousand dollars.

Herz Park was located at the present site of Herz-Rose Park at Fifteenth and Locust Street. After Rose Park was sold to Indiana State Teacher College, Herz Park was renamed Herz-Rose Park. Mr. A. Herz was a local businessman who was considered to be very charitable to the Terre Haute Community.

Herz-Rose Park currently has a basketball court, playground equipment and a shelter/restroom facility. Over the years the Park has had a wading pool, croquet court and various types of playground equipment. The 1926 Park Department Annual Report stated that a total of \$835.96 was made for park maintenance to include labor.

Herz-Rose Park is still very much used by the residents in the area today as it was fifty years ago.

The Terre Haute Park & Recreation Department's Winter Carnival is February 9, 1985 at Deming Park. It will start at noon with the following activities; softball tournament, snurf-boarding contest, snow sculpturing contest, cross country ski demonstration and one-mile cross country ski race. The Winter Carnival will give everyone a chance to break out away from "cabin fever" and enjoy themselves. Call 232-2727 for more information. Winter Driving Tip: Watch for ice patches hidden by shadows or underpasses.

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# City informed site for park not for sale

The Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board was informed Tuesday that property originally considered for a neighborhood park on the city's north side is not available.

Patrick Dougherty, superintendent of the Park and Recreation Department, told the board that property on the southwest corner of the intersection at 14½ Street and Lee Avenue currently is not available to house a park for which Anaconda Industries donated \$5,594.

The park was planned to serve what is known as the Highland Area. Other locations in that area will be studied as potential park sites by the park department, Dougherty said.

In other board business, a resolution was passed calling for the park department to take necessary steps to obtain the Cruft School property for development into a park.

On the topic of the proposed Highland Park, Dougherty said his department contacted owners of three lots at 14½ and Lee and asked what they would charge for the land. He said he informed the owners a local industry would donate money for installation of the park and he received a figure from the owners.

The money was received from the industry, but two of the three lots were purchased by another person after the donation was announced.

Gerald Loudermilk said he purchased two of the three lots after the park plans were announced because he and several neighbors in the area did not want a park there. He said Wednesday morning the property is not for sale.

Dougherty said the property originally could not be purchased until the city actually had the money from Anaconda.

Dougherty said the department originally could not make a commitment to purchase the property until the city actually received the money for the park development.

Dougherty said his department would investigate other potential sites for a park in the Highland Area.

In a related matter, the board approved the passing out of surveys in the Highland Area to determine what people want in a park in that area.

The Highland Neighborhood Association volunteered to distribute the surveys. The board passed a

resolution praising the association for its work.

The park department's master plan indicates the Highland Area currently lacks an accessible, adequately sized recreation area.

In other park board business, the board voted to take whatever steps necessary to obtain the old Cruft School site property from the Vigo County School Corp. for development into a park. The property is located on College Avenue between South Ninth and Eight streets. The school recently was torn down.

Dougherty said a letter will be sent to the VCSC indicating the Park Department's intent to acquire the property. Then the mechanics on how the property could be developed for city use can be worked out, he added.

The park would serve what is called the Farrington Grove section on the city's south central side, Dougherty said. The Cruft property is on the edge of that area for which the master plan recommends additional recreational sites. No property could be found in the central part of the Farrington Grove area that would suit a park, he added.

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# Park, Recreation Board hears status report on new property

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Work on transferring property to the city for a park at 14th Street and Elizabeth Avenue still is with the city attorney's office, according to a report issued Tuesday at the regular monthly meeting of the Park and Recreation Board.

Richard Hanley, director of recreation for the department, told three residents from the Highland Area, the neighborhood to be served by the park, nothing new has developed on the park's installation.

Earlier this year, Anaconda Industries donated \$5,594 for purchase of property for a vest-pocket park in that neighborhood and for purchase of equipment to put in the facility.

Last month, the park board voted to put a playground, a half-court basketball court, lights and fencing (if money is available) in the park when the city receives title to the property.

In other business Tuesday, the board gave its approval for radio station WWCM to conduct a "Back to School Picnic" with country music and disco tunes in Fairbanks Park on August 19. The approval was granted subject to approval of the legal aspect of the event from the city attorney and subject to receipt of an insurance certificate from the radio station.

Also on Tuesday, Hanley reported a new restroom facility at Deming Park will be ready to open as soon as a sewer problem is corrected.

On another topic Tuesday, the board declined to participate in a suggested day of free swimming at city pools. The Community Coordinated Child Care group of the Wabash Valley suggested the free swimming day in observance of the International Year of the Child.

Hanley said such an event would cause a safety problem at the pools because they would be "swamped" with patrons. "I don't want to overload those pools and lose somebody," he said. He pointed out the department already offers free programs in baseball and tennis.

Park Superintendent Patrick Dougherty was not at Tuesday's meeting because he was in the hospital for some tests.

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## Park superintendent promises Highland play equipment

Pat Dougherty, Superintendent of the city park department, told representatives of the Highland Neighborhood Association at last week's Park Board meeting that his agency failed to take advantage of a special purchase of used playground equipment because it did not want it.

"I was in the hospital. My assistant, Dick Hanley, said he didn't want the equipment. You used bad judgment. You put out a news release before you even told this board about the equipment," Dougherty told Vada Snoddy.

The discussion was about equipment St. Ann Parish had offered to sell for use in a neighborhood park in the Highland area. By the time of this discussion, however, it was a moot question because the playground apparatus had already been sold to another community. Dougherty and Hanley said a representative of St. Ann's recommended against the equipment, saying that it was outdated and children didn't play on it because they didn't seem to like it. Dougherty assured Mrs. Snoddy that the department would be able to get everything necessary for the \$5500 available, including new playground equipment for \$3,253, installed, fencing, a basketball court and lighting that will be on a monthly billing system.

In other business, the board, composed of Kenneth Coy, William Hamilton, Ed Shultz and Gene Verostko, approved July claims of \$78,695 and \$2,493 of claims from the Hulman Links non-reverting fund. Other business conducted included:

--granting temporary approval for radio station WWCM to sponsor a raft race in conjunction with the Terre Haute Junior Chamber of Commerce. The race, scheduled for Sept. 29, with all proceeds to go to charity, will end at Fairbanks Park.

--awarding a bid for resurfacing nine tennis courts at Rea Park to the sole bidder, Wabash Valley Asphalt, for \$31,870. Dougherty said the courts would be fenced with federal revenue funds. He also said that although funds for the project were first requested in the fall of 1978 by the tennis club and again in January, 1979, and while the council appropriated the monies in April, 1979, plans were always to wait until September to do the resurfacing.

--holding an executive session to consider "a personnel problem." The closed meeting failed to comply with the state's open meeting law, which requires 48-hour advance notice of executive sessions. The law also states that no action can be taken at an executive session, so the outcome of the closed meeting should be voted on at the next public session of the board.

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# Playground equipment purchased for new city park in Highland area

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The Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department has entered into an agreement with Creative Playgrounds for playground equipment to be used at a park for the Highland Area, according to Patrick Dougherty, park superintendent.

Dougherty made his report Tuesday afternoon at the regular meeting of the park board.

During an interview after the 15-minute board meeting, Dougherty said work on the playground for the park at 14th Street and Elizabeth Avenue could begin with this month. The city now has the title to property for the park which is made possible by a \$5,594 donation from Anaconda

Industries.

Also to be included in that park are fencing, a half-court basketball area, a picnic table and dusk to dawn lights, Dougherty said. The park is designed to serve the immediate area of its location.

Also at Tuesday's board meeting, Richard Hanley, recreation director, reported the three city pools had total receipts of \$9,421 through mid-August. The total for all of last year was \$9,856, he said.

During a discussion after the meeting, Hanley pointed out the pools are not money-making ventures. He said salaries for the pools cost about \$22,000 annually. No municipal pool in

Indiana is making a profit, he stated. The city's pools are located in Deming, Sheridan and Voorhees parks.

On another topic, Dougherty told the board he instructed the contractors scheduled to resurface the Rea Park tennis courts to begin work after Labor Day.

In another matter, the board discussed bills received from an architect who had submitted preliminary plans and a cost estimate for the clubhouse at Hulman Links Golf Course. Dougherty said no contract was ever signed with the architect. The board instructed Dougherty to discuss the matter with the architect.

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# Park board seeks land parcels

The Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board voted Tuesday afternoon to have the department secure two lots of land for a neighborhood park in the Highland Area on the city's north side.

The property is located on the southeast corner of 14th Street and Elizabeth Avenue, according to Patrick Dougherty, superintendent of the department. The cost of the property will be \$1,200, he said.

The move to have the property secured was made subject to notification and approval of the site from Anaconda Industries, the firm which donated money to install a park in the Highland Area.

Dougherty said the park department did not want to start work on the new site until it receives feedback from a survey of citizens in the area. The Highland Neighborhood Association volunteered to distribute the surveys for the department.

Earlier this year, Anaconda donated \$5,594 to purchase property and equipment for a park in that area. The department originally planned to construct the park on three lots at 14½ Street and Lee Avenue, but two

of the lots were sold to a person who did not want to sell to the park department.

The department then began investigating other possible sites in the area and came up with the location at 14th and Elizabeth which is within a block of the original property.

In other business at Tuesday's regular monthly meeting, the board ac-

cepted bids on two mowers to be used on golf course greens and on two others which will be used in city parks.

Kenney Machinery Corp., Indianapolis, was the only firm to submit bids on the equipment. That bid totalled \$22,666.

In his report to the board Dougherty said:

- Construction of a new restroom

facility at Deming Park is scheduled to begin this week.

- Rea Park is open and operating.

- Vehicles have been driving on the soft ground at Deming Park causing damage to the grounds. Police patrols have been increased.

- Forty trees recently have been planted in Collett Park. Ten different species are represented in the planting.

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# Park Group Fails On Fontanet Plan

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The Vigo County Park and Recreation Department and the Fontanet Bean Dinner Association have failed to come to terms on a lease agreement that would turn over the 17-acre Holloway's Grove in Nevins Township to the county park system for operation and maintenance.

Discussion of the proposed lease was one of the items on the agenda of the county park board's meeting earlier this week.

Both groups agree that a park is needed in northern Vigo County. The county park board considers the terms of the proposed lease "too restrictive."

Vigo County Park and Recreation Superintendent Keith Ruble noted that other ground given or leased to the park department on a longterm basis by individuals or organizations did not carry restrictions.

A member of the Bean Dinner Association said he was hopeful that the differences can be resolved. The Holloway's Grove group has had title to the property since 1923 and has acquired some additional acreage since then. The area has been locally famous for

years as the site of the ever-popular annual Bean Dinner in late summer that draws thousands of visitors.

Meanwhile, Ruble is pondering the status of a \$15,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), part of which had been earmarked for improvements to Holloway's Grove. The superintendent said he will determine if the funds can be used this year for other rural recreation projects.

Two of these are currently "in the works," Ruble said. Another meeting is to be held shortly to work out final details of the George and Ida Smith Park in Prairieeton. Land (about 120 by 130 feet) was given by the Smiths for a small neighborhood park.

Also, at its meeting this week, the county park board approved a playground at the Christopher Center at Dresser, pending resolution of legal details pertaining to transfer of the deed.

Sam Newport, president of the Christopher Center board of directors, attended the park board session, which resulted in tentative agreement between the Christopher Center and the park department.

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## Big Plans for Fontanet

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# Grove May Become Park

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Barring circumstances unforeseen and unpredictable, there's going to be a park in the Nevins Township community of Fontanet in northeastern Vigo County before too long. The site will be locally famous Holloway's Grove, scene of the annual Bean Dinner that attracts thousands.

Plans have been in the works for several years, and now seem to be moving ahead rapidly. Vigo County Park and Recreation Superintendent Keith Ruble said Friday.

A grant of \$11,000 for rural recreation programs through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been approved, Ruble said, and will enable the county park department to get started on several projects desired by residents of the area.

The 17-acre site is owned by the Fontanet Bean Dinner Association, and would be leased to the county park department on a long-term basis, with the county operating and maintaining the facility.

Some legal red tape remains to be cut and/or unsnarled, according to Ruble and to James Van Hook and Bill Herb, both of whom are members of the Association.

Van Hook said the Association has had title to Holloway's

Grove since 1923 and has acquired additional acreage when it was available.

"It's been the intent of the Bean Dinner Association to provide a park for the community," Van Hook commented, "and the County Park Board is better equipped to do the job."

Freeman Lemmons of Fontanet is chairman of the committee that has been working toward a park for the area, along with Mrs. Marietta Cooper, Herb, Van Hook and others.

"We're going to the people," Ruble said, noting that the Fontanet community had listed several facilities desired in the park.

The original grove had "a nice stand of red and white oaks," Ruble said, with two open areas (a ball field and play lot).

The first things to be done when this new county park officially comes into being would be installation of an entrance sign, playground (creative and conventional), improvement of rest rooms, ball field renovation, nature trails and signs and basketball courts, with a play field/multipurpose court considered later.

The grant funds will be available in January, the park superintendent said. This is the first rural recreation funding Vigo County has received, Ruble continued.

"We've had better luck with HUD than with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (BOR)," he noted.

The rural West Terre Haute park development funds have come from the park department's non-reverting capital account, Ruble explained.

The department has received two other HUD grants, totaling \$15,000, which are to be used for historical preservation for the Pioneer Village at Fowler Park south of Terre Haute and other related park improvements.

Ruble said that at the next Park Board meeting Monday, Nov. 22 at 4 p.m. at the

American Red Cross Building, a special guest would be Bill Barnes, head of the Nature Preserves Division of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Barnes will explain his reasons for wanting to designate one of Vigo County's nature preserves a state nature preserve.

Park Board members are Max Miller, president; Fox Burns, John Etling, Burch Harlan, Susan McCarthy and Bill Thompson. Miller serves ex officio as a representative from the extension office; McCarthy was appointed by the mayor and the other four by the circuit court judge.

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